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The reply filed on 5/12/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Since the Examiner's Notice of December 22, 2003, applicant has submitted three replies, respectively dated November 14, 2003, April 12, 2004 and May 12, 2004. In the first two transmissions of November 14, 2003 and April 12, 2004, claim 27 was indicated as cancelled. In the third transmission of May 12, 2004, claim 27 was indicated as original and not cancelled.

MPEP 714.24 requires that claims that are cancelled in their entirety can only be reinstated by subsequent amendment presenting the new claim as a new claim number.

Accordingly, applicant is required to:

(1) Revise the amendment of 5/12/04 by presenting claim 27 as a cancelled claim. If claim 27 desires to be reintroduced it must be re-introduced in accordance with MPEP 714.24, accompanied by a new claim number.

(2) Revise the claims which are dependent on claim 27 by either canceling these claims or changing their dependencies.


See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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